

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the meeting of the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee held 12.00 noon, Friday 25 August 2023 in the Control Room – Power Up Museum, Manjimup Heritage Park.



<b>1</b>	<b>Declaration of Opening of Meeting</b> Cr. C.Winfield declared the meeting open at 12:01pm
<b>2</b>	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b> delivered by Chair. The Shire of Manjimup respectfully acknowledges the Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands in which we work throughout the region and we pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Attendance / Apologies</b></p> <p><b>ATTENDANCE:</b> Cr. Cliff Winfield W. Eiby (Community Representative) W. Herdigan (ATSI Community Stakeholder) F. Sinclair (Community Representative) S. Kelly (ATSI Community Stakeholder) S. Griffiths (ATSI Community Stakeholder) V. Dei-Tos (Shire of Manjimup) E. O'Neil (Shire of Manjimup – Non-voting member &amp; minute-taker)</p> <p><b>APOLOGIES:</b> G. Ipsen Cutts (Shire of Manjimup) K. May (ATSI Community Stakeholder) B. Cornwall (A&amp;TSI Community Stakeholder)</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Nil.</p> <p><b>GUESTS:</b> Nil.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> Nil.
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Confirmation of Minutes</b> Minutes from the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee (RAPAC) Meeting of 30 June 2023 were accepted at this meeting as a true and correct record.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> VDT                      <b>Seconded:</b> CW    <b>CARRIED</b> 7- 0</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Council Decisions on Committee Recommendations</b></p> <p><b>COUNCIL RESOLUTION:</b> <b>MOVED:</b> Winfield, C                      <b>SECONDED:</b> Eiby, W</p> <p><b>29218</b> <b>That Council:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Receive the unconfirmed minutes of the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee meeting held 30 June 2023 as per Attachment: 9.16.1(1);</b></li> <li>2. <b>Accept the resignation of Shire President Paul Omodei as Councillor representative on the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee;</b></li> <li>3. <b>Accept the inclusion of Emily O'Neil, Shire of Manjimup Community Development Officer, to replace the vacant 'RAP Project Officer' position on the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee; and</b></li> <li>4. <b>Adopt the amended Terms of Reference for the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee as per Attachment: 9.16.1(2)</b></li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED: 11/0</b></p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Business Arising from Previous Minutes</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RAPAC noted that previous meeting discussions around the First Nations Information Signage for Manjin Park. Enquiries on costing and idea progression raised. EO noted that costings would be gained from Wisemans Signs.</li> <li>• VDT elected to follow up on this for next meeting.</li> </ul>
8	<p><b>General Business / New Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VDT noted that GIC had accepted the resignation of PO and inclusion of EO to RAPAC.</li> </ul> <p><b>Roundtable</b></p> <p><u>Warren District Hospital Advisory Board</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SK attended meeting with board recently. Board indicated interest in expanding its reach of service and connection. Board expressed interest in connecting with the RAPAC to discuss its role in the community. Suggested attending next RAPAC meeting (27th October, 2023) as a guest presenter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WE noted that the RAPAC will spill next meeting (Term of appointment 21/10/2023).</li> <li>○ Noted that a guest speaker at October meeting may be wrong timing but could be part of subsequent meeting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Yarning Circle at the Manjimup Heritage Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FS has started applying for funds Rivers of Thirst, a drought awareness program around building hope. FS acknowledges funding is open to June 2025, so is not urgent.</li> <li>• FS proposes a yarning circle in the Manjimup Heritage Park could provide an outdoor cultural learning classroom setting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SK would like to see artwork included in the yarning circle to reflect/show the Noongar seasons (through art poles, mosaics, collages etc.)</li> <li>○ FS identified the need for connection to rivers for 'Rivers of Thirst' funding - SK acknowledged that a number of rivers in the Shire would connect well to the Noongar seasons and the funding concept.</li> <li>○ CW advised that the Heritage Park management committee would need to be consulted regarding the yarning circle. Consensus that consultation with the Heritage Park management committee is likely required before progressing further.</li> <li>○ SK noted 20+ flora from the walkways in the Heritage Park that have bushtucker and alternative usages - suggested connecting these to the yarning circle.</li> <li>○ FS proposed including a firepit if feasible. Discussion on Local Government firepit rules followed - WE &amp; CF note that rules may accommodate a firepit if it is enclosed. Need for further investigation identified.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Communication tools for the yarning circle discussed, including audio tools, QR codes, and signage with Noongar as the primary language accompanied by English translations. SK identified 'Message sticks' as an option and suggested that style of communication reflect the heritage of the yarning circle.</li> <li>• Group suggest that FS develop a short summary on the yarning circle concept for further discussion and development.</li> </ul> <p><u>Young Engagement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WH noted young people are concerned they are not 'getting a say' in discussions. WH has invited young people to meetings, but school/work commitments hinder engagement.</li> <li>• Young people (~18 years) are 'keen but not keen enough'. Continued encouragement to get young people to share their ideas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WH identified that some young people (female) are really keyed into activities arranged by KM.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- Avenues to connect with and include young people were shared; SK suggests youth putting their ideas in writing for WH to bring information to the Committee. WE proposed a weekend activity or meeting to accommodate youth schedules.
- Suggestion for KM to meet with youth, WE noted her interest in attending.
- WH noted that a couple of young men are interested in being involved / very keen to have their say. WH will encourage them to write their ideas and will bring them to meetings.

#### Northcliffe Sculpture

- FS has secured funding from LotteryWest (90k) for the development of a Genestreams Songlines Sculpture (similar to the one in the Porongurups) by Noongar artists - to be installed at the front of the Northcliffe Visitor Centre.

#### Beyond 100 Project

- FS has applied for the Beyond 100 Project for Northcliffe which looks at Northcliffe's 100<sup>th</sup> year (2024) within the context of 60,000 years of culture. Project will provide a wide range of activities throughout the year (speakers, bush tucker, artists etc.).

#### Kalyakoorl Ngalak Warangka Concert

- FS reminds RAPAC of concert and requests to help disperse flyers. FS notes that Gina and Guy will provide a Q&A after concert.

#### Council Election

- CW advises that voting slips will be sent soon for the next council election. This year an independent/popularity voted Shire Council president will be elected.

#### Story Sharing

- CW notes the positive feedback in response to WH story at the Repertory Club.
- WH shares his experience of performing at the Repertory Club and encouraged RAPAC to share their story and take part in this opportunity.
- FS suggests WH uses digital platforms or video for story sharing to reach the younger demographic, noting that there are many different ways to increase visibility of experiences of RAPAC and Indigenous Australians to a wider network.
- VDT noted that the State Library of WA maintains a database called *Storylines* that collects written and spoken stories from Indigenous People across the State. She said she would email the details and link to WH.
- Suggestion that truth telling is incorporated into the role of the yarnning circle.
- WH identified Archie Roach for his story/truth telling and influence. SK notes that there are valuable stories/truth telling like Archie Roach here in Manjimup.
- VDT shares that Sandra Hill will be truth telling and explaining her cultural life story and its relationship to her art through her 'Art Tells the Story' presentation at the Manjimup Library. VDT noted that the event is funded through the Seasons Project and requests RAPAC members to share the details with their networks.
- VDT noted that Sandra Hill won The Red Ochre Award in 2023 (1 of 2).

#### General / Other

- EO notes she is learning about RAPAC items and looks forward to being helpful to the committee.
- SK notes RAPAC has been steadily moving along and gradually progressing items.
- WE reminds RAPAC that all committee members will need to be re-nominated at the next meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FS offers RAPAC to do a Yarning circle location walk around the heritage park - post closure of meeting.</li></ul>
<b>9</b>	<b>Meeting Closure</b> Cr. C. Winfield declared the meeting closed at 12:34pm
<b>10</b>	<b>Next Meeting Date:</b> 12.00noon, 27 October 2023 <b>Remaining 2023 Meeting Dates:</b> Nil.